

and institutions on a sure path to more successful American innovation.

In addition to these funding increases, my Science, Space, and Technology colleagues and I have identified important areas of interest that are addressed through new NSF programs and policies to better support our research efforts. Among others, this legislation finds creative ways to boost STEM education from PreK–12 education all the way through graduate school.

I am glad that this bill includes an amendment I introduced in committee to give emerging minority-serving institutions access to NSF funding through a merit-based process, to help them build their research capacity and help expose diverse student populations to STEM careers.

Though our STEM workforce is some of the most well-equipped in the world, our institutions continue to report drastically low numbers in workplace diversity.

Only one in 10 STEM workers are underrepresented people of color, a statistic that does not come close to the racial makeup of the United States.

These racial imbalances will not just go away with time. We must put forward serious and concrete solutions to ensure students of color have the same opportunities as their fellow peers to pursue their ambitions.

By directly funding these MSIs, which includes HBCUs, tribal colleges, Hispanic-serving institutions, and even some community colleges, we can expand their research capabilities and offer people of color more opportunities for a career in science and engineering.

Other efforts that I authored which are included in this package include helping ensure NSF funding is helping support critical and groundbreaking water research that can help address local and global water challenges, an effort I authored to help ensure that community colleges, which often serve diverse communities, can also better engage with the NSF, and finally, an effort, with Rep. YOUNG KIM, to address K–8 STEM education in our secondary schools. The earlier we can hook kids in STEM, the better.

This is a good bill and I urge my colleagues to support it.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRIAN D. BEAUDREULT, UNITED STATES MARINE

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant General Brian David Beaudreault, United States Marine Corps, for his service to our great Nation and his family's faithful service as well. The theme of his distinguished career has been one of achievement with highest honors throughout his 38 years of unconditional service to the United States of America.

Lieutenant General Beaudreault is a second-generation Marine—his father, Rene, served in the Marine Corps in World War II. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1983 after graduating from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. In his 38 years as a Marine Infantry Officer, he has com-

manded at every level from the platoon to the Marine Expeditionary Force.

Over the course of his career, Lieutenant General Beaudreault has deployed in support of military operations in Somalia, East Timor, Iraq, and Pakistan. Notably, while in command of 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit in Iraq, his masterful leadership in combat helped change the balance of power in Al Anbar Province and accelerate the multi-national force's successful counterinsurgency fight. In various higher headquarters staff positions, including his time as the Marine Corps' Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations, Lieutenant General Beaudreault significantly impacted the Nation's military readiness to face challenges around the globe. We are all safer due to his selflessness and dedication.

Lieutenant General Beaudreault's final tour in the Marine Corps is as the Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF), based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. It is no easy task to command and care for over 40,000 Marines, Sailors, and their families, but Lieutenant General and Mrs. Beaudreault have excelled at it. During his time in command, II MEF has deployed forces in support of every Geographic Combatant Commander, achieved greater naval integration, and improved the MEF's readiness as a warfighting headquarters. Much of this occurred while II MEF was simultaneously dealing with the challenges of the COVID–19 pandemic. Lieutenant General Beaudreault's leadership during these challenging times is just one more example of the type of Marine that he is—one of the very best.

Over his years of faithful service, Lieutenant General Beaudreault has earned the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star, among other awards.

Lieutenant General Beaudreault has served 38 outstanding years in support of our beloved Nation and will retire on 8 July 2021. I am delighted to have this opportunity to recognize not only Lieutenant General Beaudreault, but his entire family for their undeniably incredible service to the U.S. Marine Corps and our great nation. Their sacrifice and dedication to our nation is truly remarkable. I wish him and his beloved wife, Karen, well as they embark on a new chapter in their lives. God bless the Beaudreaults, God bless the United States of America, and Semper Fidelis.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DARLENE TALLENT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness but great respect that I take this time to remember one of my constituents, Mrs. Darlene Agnes Tallent, of Chiltons, Virginia.

Mrs. Tallent passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at the age of 74. Darlene was born and raised in Westmoreland County. She married her high school sweetheart, Joe Tallent, and together they raised their two daughters Kathleen and Lisa in Montross County.

Darlene spent her career working as the Westmoreland County Museum's Genealogical Library Assistant. She assisted countless re-

searchers, authors and visitors in her 25 years of employment by sharing her extensive knowledge on the history of Westmoreland County and helping others trace their heritage and connect with who and where they came from.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Darlene Tallent, and applauding her contributions to Westmoreland County and the Commonwealth. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. KENNETH H. COOPER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kenneth H. Cooper, MD, MPH, Founder and Chairman of the Cooper Aerobics Center. Dr. Cooper turned 90 years-old on March 4, 2021 and is a life-long exemplary example for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Having logged more than 38,000 miles running, he can often be found exercising with his wife, Millie, at the Cooper Aerobics Center. It is my privilege to commend him for his tremendous role in inspiring millions of people to exercise for their physical and mental good health over the course of his trailblazing 64-year medical career.

Dr. Cooper served 13 years in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, as a flight surgeon and director of the Aerospace Medical Laboratory. During his service, he developed the 12-minute and 1.5-mile fitness tests and the Aerobics Point System, used today by branches of the military, schools and organizations worldwide. In 1968, Dr. Cooper wrote his best-seller, *Aerobics*, where he coined a new word and submitted the official definition to the Oxford English Dictionary. In addition to *Aerobics*, Dr. Cooper has authored 18 additional books which have sold over 30 million copies and been translated into 41 languages and Braille. After retiring from military service in 1970, Dr. Cooper founded the Cooper Aerobics Center in Dallas, TX with the mission to explore the relationship between cardiovascular fitness, health and longevity.

Dr. Cooper's oratory skills have echoed in halls across the county and internationally in more than 50 countries. He attained iconic status in Brazil, having trained the 1970 Brazilian soccer team leading to their World Cup victory. In Portuguese, jogging is translated as "coopering". In Hungary, the national fitness test is named the "cooperteszt". In April 2013, Dr. Cooper attended the prestigious Boao Forum in China, serving as a forum panelist alongside a former Prime Minister of Australia and two Nobel Prize Laureates in Medicine.

I appreciate Dr. Cooper for his extraordinary pioneering efforts to improve the lives of Americans by positively impacting our diet. His collaboration with PepsiCo and their elimination of trans fats from its Frito-Lay snack line set an international example that other companies follow. For three years, the back of Baked Lays packages included this quote from Dr. Cooper, "Fitness is a journey, not a destination. It must be continued for the rest of your life."

Dr. Cooper's illustrious career is punctuated by groundbreaking discoveries and substantive impacts in the global fight for a healthy lifestyle. I wish him all the best on the celebration of his ninetieth year and have tremendous respect for his continued professional career as he serves as Chairman of six health and wellness companies and Chairman Emeritus of The Cooper Institute. My sincere appreciation for all that he continues to do to improve lives in our country and across the globe.

HONORING WIAWAKA CENTER FOR WOMEN FOR THE COMPLETED RESTORATION OF THE HOUSE OF TRIX AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE LAKE GEORGE COMMUNITY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Wiawaka Center for Women on their successful restoration of the House of Trix, one of the many buildings used by the retreat, and a historic landmark located on Lake George in New York.

The Wiawaka Center for Women has an important role in our community as a place of rest, rejuvenation, and support for women throughout the North Country and the entire United States of America. The center, founded by Mary Fuller in 1903, is on the National Registry of Historic Places and has been a place of retreat for generations of women. Wiawaka is the oldest and longest continuously operating site of its kind in the United States. The center has previously hosted the likes of Georgia O'Keefe, renowned American artist, and has a rich history of supporting and encouraging women in their fight for equal rights.

In renovating and restoring the historic House of Trix, Wiawaka continues to invest in and pursue their mission of providing a place of retreat for all women. This is the only building within the center that hosts a variety of programming including art workshops, wellness classes, presentations, and events. Through perseverance, teamwork, and with support of the community, they restored this historic building back to its original splendor and purpose. After receiving funding through a grant by the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust, Wiawaka will be able to continue their important work of serving the community of women around them.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank the Wiawaka Center for Women, and their entire team, for their dedication and commitment in revitalizing and restoring a deeply important historic property in our community. I congratulate them on their achievements thus far and the continued accomplishments of the women this center serves.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
CHRISTOPHER YOCK

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the life of Christopher Yock, who passed away on June 8, 2021 at the age of 57 after battling a structure fire at San Francisco International Airport. He was a beloved member of the San Rafael community and a San Francisco firefighter.

Christopher was born on December 27, 1963 in San Francisco and was raised in the Westborough neighborhood of South San Francisco. Christopher began his journey in the fire service as a firefighter at the Alameda Naval Airbase Station and the Presidio Fire Department before finally achieving his dream of becoming a firefighter for the San Francisco Fire Department. Christopher loved his career in the fire service, and was a beloved firehouse chef who prepared amazing meals for his fellow firefighters.

Christopher lived a full and vibrant life, meeting and making lifelong friends along the way. He had a passion for traveling, cooking, photography, and music. Christopher was a seasoned world traveler, with some of his favorite destinations being Palau, Porto, Maldives, Tahiti, Bali and numerous family trips to Maui. Christopher is survived by his siblings, Jeffery Yock and Jennifer Yock-Lanthier, his son, Cayden Yock (Nancy Galvin), his brother-in-law, Sean Lanthier, and his nephew and nieces, Danielle Gracia, Alyssa Sozio, Adam Lanthier, and Ashley Yock.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in extending condolences to Christopher's family and friends and in expressing our deep appreciation for his dedicated service to public safety and the San Francisco Fire Department.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BARRY
WILLIAMS

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to observe and mourn the passing of Barry Williams, a local civic champion who dedicated his life to bringing people together and who tirelessly advocated for social justice, the middle class, and the everyday working man and woman. Sadly, on May 2nd of this year—Barry passed away at the age of 71 after a tough 17-year battle with Parkinson's disease. Barry's inspirational life, however, will never dissipate from our community's collective spirit as he treated everyone he encountered with love and humility, setting an immortalized example for us all to aspire to.

Born in in 1949 in York, Maine—Barry and his family relocated to Waterford, Connecticut where Barry grew up and acquired his love for the coastline. Barry would spend many hours of his life enjoying the beach, fishing, or sailing, and was invigorated when he caught a fish, which wasn't often. Barry was an avid

reader and eventually made a career of his love for books by attaining a degree at the University of Connecticut in Library Science then even returning to work for his alma mater as an acquisitions librarian.

While working as a librarian, Barry was also an active member of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT local union and even worked his way up to become President of his local. Being elected to lead his union truly changed Barry and ignited a passion in him that he used to champion workers' rights throughout his life. While president of the union, Barry was admired for his ability to fight for his members but still maintain a loving and friendly personality and always face challenges with a positive attitude. Barry's accomplishments and dedication to his union gained him statewide notoriety and led to him being recruited as a Government Affairs Representative by Connecticut statewide AFT President George Springer. Hitting the ground running—Barry made his mark and inspired all those around him with his willingness to put others before himself. Not only did Barry talk the talk but he was always out on the front lines with his brothers and sisters rallying for their right to equal opportunities and fairness in the workplace. Achieving milestone after milestone—Barry set himself apart as one of the top labor leaders in Connecticut and this led to his election in 1985 to represent all workers in the state as the Secretary Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO.

Now a true and tried advocate in the world of unions, Barry decided to go independent and start his own lobbying firm to represent unions and non-profits in 1987. With all the statewide connections he had developed in his decades of organizing and union work—Barry quickly gained traction as someone who could bring opposing sides to the table to talk, and he also became known for a little secret weapon in breaking the ice between opposing forces—his famous homemade bread. Barry was truly a master negotiator because he never lamented, and his genuine and happy nature rubbed off on all those around him which made coming to agreements easier for all parties. Barry continued a very successful lobbying career until later in life when he would receive a devastating diagnosis with Parkinson's disease which would lead to his retirement. Barry however as expected, did not let the disease dampen his love for life and for bringing happiness to all those around him. Even when he was in the later stages of his life in the Hebrew Center for Health and Rehabilitation in West Hartford—his positive demeanor gained him the nickname, "the Mayor," as he was so loved by his fellow residents and staff. Even up until his last Christmas, Barry grew out his beard to transform himself into Santa to pass out small gifts and candy to fellow residents.

Madam Speaker, the loss of Barry leaves a deep void in Connecticut as he was a unifier who brought people of both sides of the aisle together. I ask that my colleagues and this Chamber to join me in expressing our deepest respect for Barry's work and life and send our deepest condolences to the Williams Family. Barry is survived by his wife Susan, children Colby, Jake, Sam, Patel, his sisters Sedona and Kathi, and many other family members and friends who will carry the lasting memory of Barry in their hearts so that his joy, laughter, and compassion will continue to carry on.